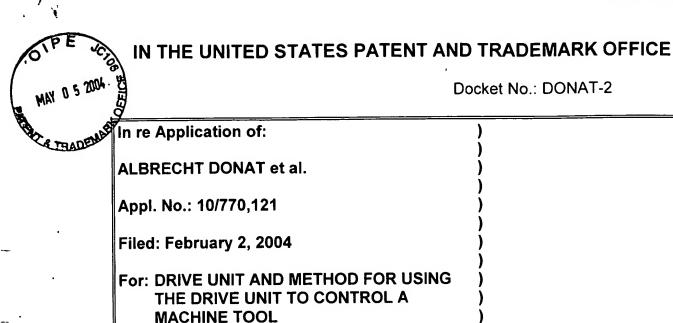
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/DE02/02739. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise

explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith

submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the

relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention

patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application

is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which

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